

HARFORD COUNTY 2003 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Number of Farms</i>	695	733	683
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	140	129	119
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	97,312	94,806	81,409

<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Cattle</i>	18,992	17,280	15,923
<i>Hogs</i>	1,238	3,203	2,738
<i>Sheep</i>	3,019	2,920	3,406

<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			26,094
<i>Milk (\$1,000)</i>			8,523
<i>Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)</i>			5,052
<i>Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			²

<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	55.5	55.4	56.5
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	14.0	11.6	17.1

<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			1,360
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			7,390
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$73,115,000

<i>Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	11	<i>Soybeans</i>	15
<i>Barley</i>	13	<i>Vegetables</i>	10
<i>Forage</i>	5	<i>Wheat</i>	16

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	5	<i>Milk Cows</i>	6
<i>Broilers</i>	11	<i>Sheep</i>	2
<i>Hogs</i>	5		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	22,900	104.5	2,393,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	18,400	83.0	1,528,100
	<i>2003</i>	19,800	119.3	2,362,200
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	5,200	17.3	90,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	4,000	15.0	60,000
	<i>2003</i>	3,000	16.7	50,000
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	10,400	36.0	374,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	10,300	32.4	333,300
	<i>2003</i>	11,700	40.9	479,000
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	3,700	61.1	226,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	2,600	57.3	148,900
	<i>2003</i>	2,000	39.8	79,600
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	14,000	2.7	38,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	12,800	2.9	36,700
	<i>2003</i>	11,800	3.1	37,100
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i> ³	700	80.3	56,200
	<i>2002</i> ³	600	82.5	49,500
	<i>2003</i>	600	60.2	36,100

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* Acreage too small to publish.

	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$68.04	\$75.21	\$74.50

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